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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Briefing of Ambassador Stevenson on CORONA, ARGON, T, and TKH

1. At the direction of the Deputy Director (Research), the undersigned reopened with Mr. Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for U. N. Affairs, on 18 May the question of giving a briefing to Ambassador Stevenson in the manner suggested at the time Mr. Cleveland himself was briefed on 6 January 1962. The DD/R reported that interest in Ambassador Stevenson's briefing had been generated during the 11 May meeting of the FIAB at which time the question came up. Bromley Smith of the White House staff had been asked to follow through with DD/R to see that it was done.
2. Mr. Cleveland indicated his general agreement with briefing Ambassador Stevenson when the latter made one of his periodic trips to Washington, although Cleveland said that he felt as a matter of perhaps of equal, if not greater, urgency Ambassador (U. S. - U. N.) Francis Plimpton should be briefed as well, since Plimpton was going to the twenty-eighth May Geneva meeting of the Legal Section of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.
3. On 21 May Mr. Cleveland's office called and asked that Ambassador Stevenson and Ambassador Plimpton, who was unexpectedly in town, be given the subject briefings on 23 May. A time of 0930 was agreed upon at the Fifth and K Street location. Mr. Lundahl was subsequently advised and agreed. Following this, Mr. William Marvel, IR/SP, called the undersigned, and as a result, Mr. Leonard Meeker, Deputy General Counsel for the Department who has been cleared, will also be included in the 23 May briefing, since he, Meeker, is representing State Department legal interests at the Geneva Conference. I advised Dr. Scoville of these developments, and he indicated that he would inform the DCI at the Senior Staff Meeting 21 May. I subsequently asked [redacted] to get with Mr. Marvel to make sure that these clearances were properly recorded on both sides of the security fence. Mr. Reber was also advised.

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